

UPDATE: La. National Guard Update of Numbers

Louisiana's Guardsmen are trained, ready and equipped to stand up at any moment to protect lives and property, maintain communications, and ensure the continuity of operations and government.

Currently, the LANG has 1,197 Guardsmen assisting with emergency flood operations (769 State Active Duty). These operations could include evacuations, search and rescue, distribution and supply of water and meals, security and shelter support, and distribution of sandbags and sandbag-filling machines.

- The LANG has rescued over 4,255 citizens and 354 pets.
- The LANG has issued more than 71,570 bottles of water to Richland, Natchitoches, Vernon and Winn Parish.
- The LANG has issued 576 MREs to Winn Parish.
- The LANG has issued a total of 1,008,000 sandbags to affected parishes.
- The LANG has issued 700 cots and 700 blankets to Richland Parish for shelter support.
- The LANG has relocated 8 sandbag-filling machines to the affected areas.
- Over the course of these operations, the LANG has utilized more than 160 high-water vehicles, 44 boats, and 3 helicopters
- The LANG has liaison officer teams in 15 Parishes: Bossier, Beauregard, Claiborne, Caldwell, Calcasieu Caddo, Grant, Franklin, Livingston, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Richland, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, and Vernon.



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Louisiana National Guardsmen walk in front of a high-water vehicle to ensure there are no dropoffs or road washouts allowing the vehicle to reach and rescue citizens in Robert, Louisiana, March 13, 2016. The LANG has been responding to historic emergency flood operations throughout the state since March 9. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by 1st Sgt. Paul C. Meeker)

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Louisiana National Guardsmen from the 1086th Transportation Company load and stack bottles of water to be delivered and distributed to affected parishes during emergency flood operations in Bunkie, Louisiana, March 13, 2016. The LANG has been assisting local officials in the flood fight since March 9. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Natalie Wall)

Thank you,

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